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the Ministry of Public Health has assigned some 15,000 pharmacists to care for the field hands. The Oblast Pharmaceutical Bases have been allotted a budget of 2.5 million rubles for the purchase of medicines for farm workers. An intensive program for the reconstruction of maternity homes is under way.

The Uzbekistan branch of the Red Cross is aiding this general health program. They have supplied various obstetrical points with 250 autoclaves and about 250 sterilizers. At present, there is a program for the establishment of 10,000 permanent sanitation posts among the sovkhozes, the kolkhozes and various motor-tractor stations. These will then serve as the nucleus for an expanded service at planting time.

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